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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE PATENT APPLICATION OF:

APPLICANT : **ROBERT W. JONES**

APPL. NO. : **10/751,510**

ART UNIT : **1723**

FILED : **January 6, 2004**

EXAMINER : **J. DRODGE**

FOR : **GUTTER FOAM FILTER**

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

I, Robert W. Jones, declare that:

1. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

2. Prior to July 29, 2003, I completed in this country, the invention described and claimed in the subject application as evidenced by, but not limited to, the following:

a. Prior to July 29, 2003, having earlier conceived the idea of a GUTTER FOAM FILTER, I submitted to The United States Patent and Trademark Office, on or about December 12, 2001, a Provisional Patent Application, titled "Plastic Mesh or Foam for Gutters", which included, *inter alia*, a drawing figure and description of my

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invention. I received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a date stamped return post card for Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/339,307. See Exhibit A.


b. On or about January 30, 2002, I placed an order for the purchase of materials to further develop my invention, as evidenced by the Invoice from New Dimension Industries, at One State Street, Moonachie, NJ 07074-1402. See Exhibit B.

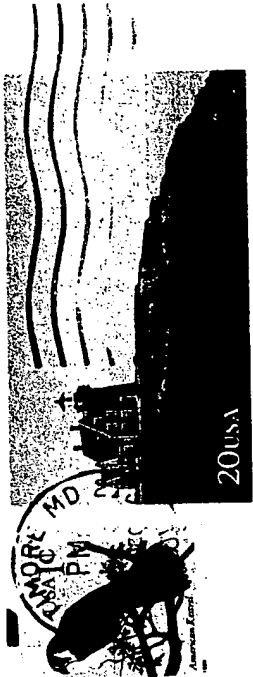
c. On or about March 19, 2003, I prepared and presented a disclosure of my invention to Litman Law Offices, Ltd., for the purposes of having a preliminary patentability search conducted. The disclosure included a written description of my invention, and a model of my invention, as evidenced by the copy of the Litman Law Offices Ltd.'s "Confidential Record of Invention & Patent Search Request Form" and a date-stamped routing slip form attached thereto. See Exhibit C.

d. On or about December 16, 2003, I visited Litman Law Offices, Ltd for the purposes of having a utility patent application prepared for my invention, as evidenced by the copy of the Litman Law Offices Ltd.'s "Patent Application Request Form", "T-Com" and a date-stamped routing slip form attached thereto. See Exhibit D.

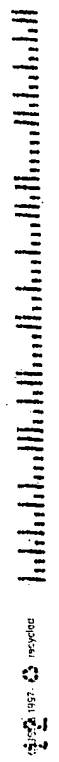
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Date: 9.9.05





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- 1 - drawing
- 1 - Cover Sheet
- 1 - description
- 1 - provisional Application
- 1 - \$80.00 Fee

TITLE: PLASTIC LATTICE MESH

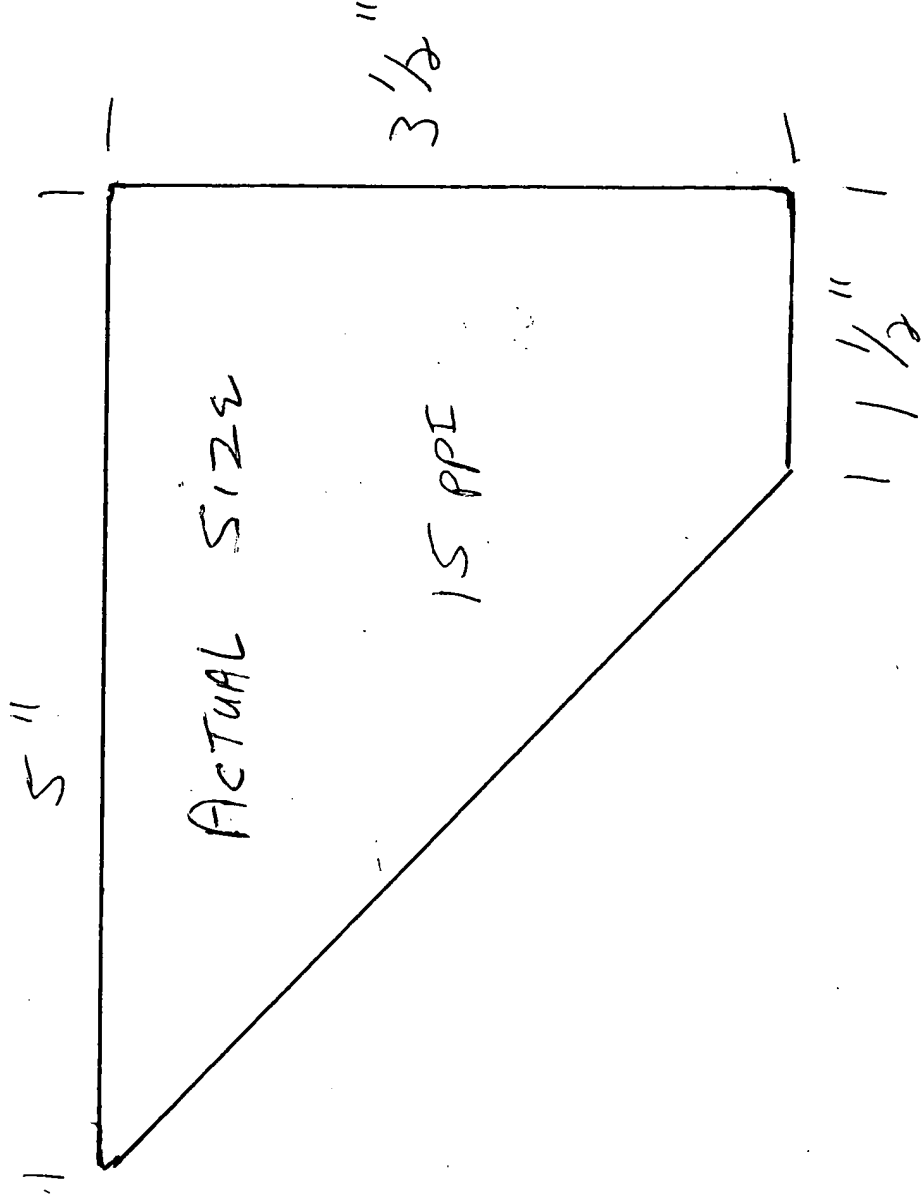
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## PLASTIC MESH OR FORM FOR GUTTERS

1. PLASTIC MESH OR FORM CUT TO SIZE AND LENGTH TO FIT IN EXISTING RAIN GUTTERS ON HOUSES OR BUILDINGS TO BE INSERTED IN THE GUTTER TO PREVENT LEAVES AND DEBRIS FROM ENTERING GUTTER.

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Invoice: 0000003414

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Sales Order: 003584

Packing List/Item No: 004163/000001

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United States

**Sold to:** Robert Jones  
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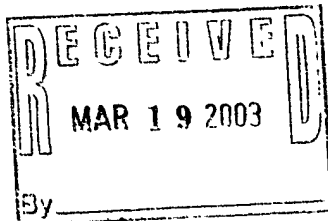
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Searcher

CM3

Name: Jones

Amount Paid \$ 450.00 (Check) M/C Visa A/E Disc Cash

General Description: Gutter Foam Fitter

(TABS) (TRUST) CDS

Key Words: House- Home- Gutter - Filter - Shield- Guard  
Protect

Type of Search:

☐ U.S.

☐ Foreign

☒ Combined

☐ Expedited

Comments:

Cross Reference Files:

Photos (Model) Blueprints

Date XX Received:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr.	Name: <u>ROBERT JONES</u>
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## INFORMATION ON YOUR INVENTION

What is the purpose of your invention and who would use it?

THE PURPOSE IS TO FILTER OUT LEAVES, PINE CONES, ACORNS, PINE NEEDLES, DEBRIS, ETC. FROM HOME & BUSINESS GUTTERS FOR HOME + BUSINESS

Describe your invention, including how it functions.

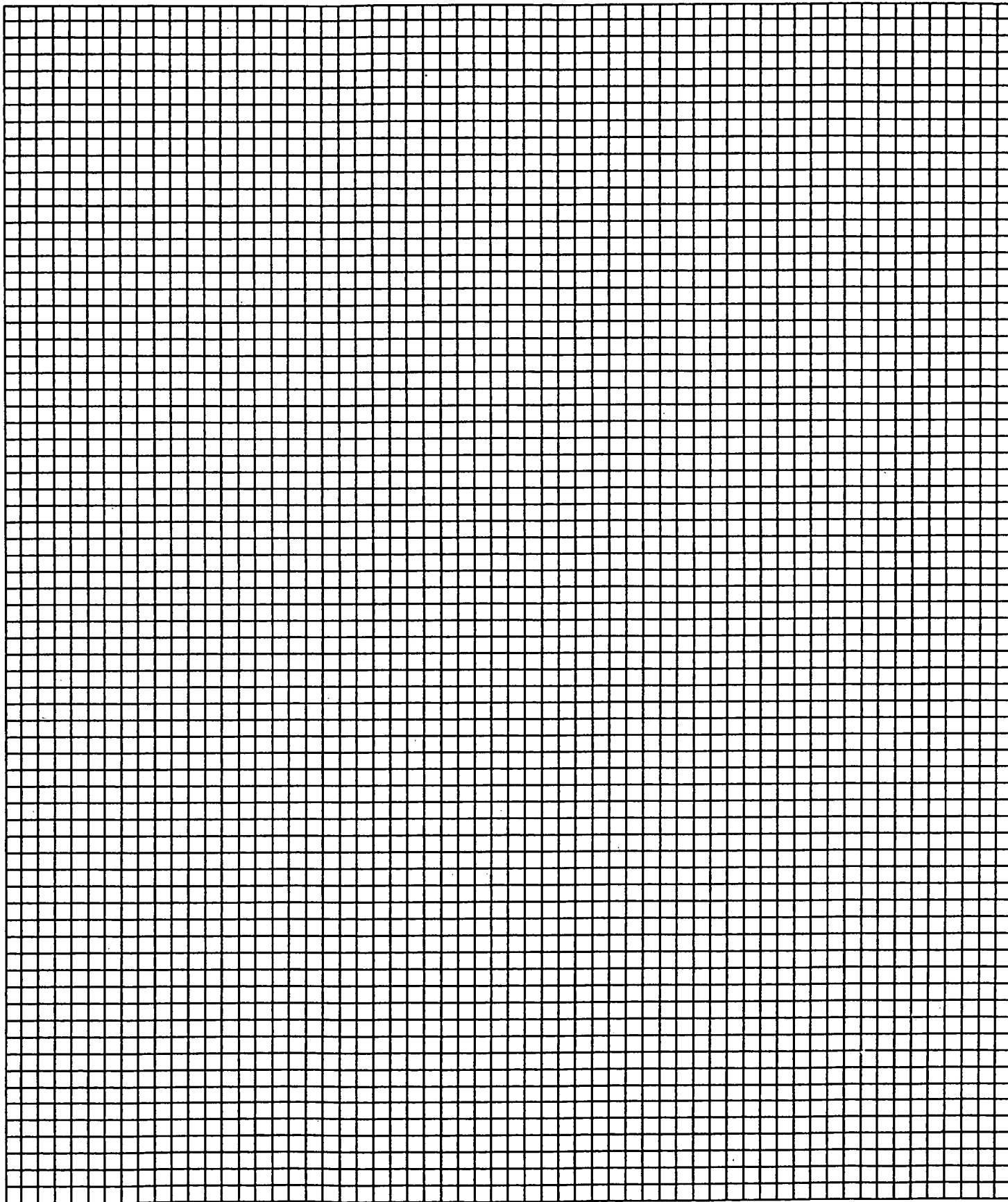
THE INVENTION IS A FOAM FILTER FOR HOME AND BUSINESS GUTTER — FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL USE. THE FOAM AS A FILTER IS CELLULOSE EXTENDED TAPERED AT AN ANGLE TO ALLOW EASY PASSAGE FOR WATER THRU THE POURS FOAM AND TO THE DOWNSPOUT. IT FILLS THE GUTTER TOTAL FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER THAT STOPS ALL DEBRIS FROM ENTERING GUTTER WHILE LETTING WATER THRU. IT'S VERY LIGHT WEIGHT AND DURABLE. THE FOAM IS EASY TO INSTALL OR TAKE OUT IN THE EVENT IT NEEDED TO BE CLEANED.

What are the unique features and benefits of your invention?

IT IS EXTRUDED FOAM (POLY-ETHER) 10-20 CELLS PER SQ. INCH. BLACK IN COLOR. IT FILL THE GUTTER FROM TOP TO BOTTOM AND END TO END. IT IS SUPPORTED IN THE BACK @ THE BOTTOM OF THE GUTTER, CUT AT ANGE ON THE FRONT SIDE OF GUTTER TO ALLOW AN EMPTY SPACE FOR WATER TO PASS TO DOWNSPOUT.

## SKETCHES & DRAWINGS

Please provide a rough sketch of your invention. Feel free to attach photographs or other drawings of your invention. *Models should only be sent if specifically requested.*



## PATENT SEARCH REQUEST

This record of invention should be sent to our law firm. It will be evidence of your date of invention. A professional evaluation and preliminary search of available patents at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (PTO) is the next step.

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- A search report with recommendations by a registered patent attorney;
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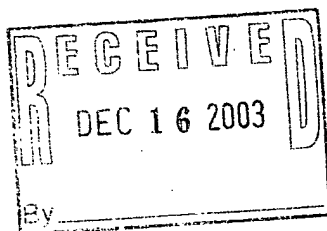
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Are any inventors 65 years of age or older?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If so, you are eligible for an expedited examination of utility and design applications. Please provide us with the name of the inventor and the birth date on a separate sheet, and we will prepare the petition at no extra cost.

Do you have any models of your invention?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If so, please do not send them unless requested; however, you may provide us with photographs, drawings or other information.

Will the patent application be assigned?

☐ Yes

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